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1. SUMMARY. BEIRUT PRESS TREATMENT OF SECRETARY'S MISSION REFLECTS MORE OPTIMISTIC VIEW MARCH 20, FOLLOWING ISRAELI CABINET'S DECISION TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS, EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT'S DECLARATION OF ITS CONDITIONAL READINESS TO END STATE OF WAR, AND SECRETARY'S REASSURANCES TO KING FEISAL. PRO-LIBYAN "AS-SAFIR", SEIZING ON NEWS OF ARTICLE ON POSSIBLE INVASION OF OIL FIELDS IN MARCH ISSUE OF HARPER'S, SENSATIONALLY BANNERS KING FEISAL'S ALLEGED VIEW THAT "KISSINGER IS BASTARD" BECAUSE HE IS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH THREATS. EDITORIAL COMMENT IS MIXED. LEADING INDEPENDENT "AN-NAHAR" STRESSES THAT QUESTION AT THIS POINT IS NOT WHETHER EGYPT IS PREPARED TO END STATE OF WAR, BUT WHETHER ISRAEL IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT LOGIC OF PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. PRO-SYRIAN "ASH-SHARQ" BELIEVES ARABS HAVE NO CONFIDENCE IN SECRETARY. PRO-LIBYAN "AS-SAFIR" HOLDS THAT ANY EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT THAT MAY EMERGE WILL BENEFIT U.S., NOT EGYPT AND ISRAEL. PRO-UNCLASSIFIED

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IRAQI "BEIRUT" CRITICIZES EGYPT FOR URSHING TO END STATE OF

WAR WITHOUT ACHIEVING FULL RESTORATION OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS. PRO-SOVIET "ASH-SHA'S" ECHOES THIS IN EMPHASIZING THAT THERE CAN BE NO MIDDLE-OF-ROAD SOLUTION, ONLY FULL RESTORATION OF ARAB RIGHTS. END SUMMARY.

2. LEADING INDEPENDENT "AN-NAHAR" HEADLINES:

"CAIRO: ANY NEW AGREEMENT IS BASIC STEP TOWARDS PEACE."

INDEPENDENT FRENCH-LANGUAGE "L'ORIENT-LE JOUR" HEADLINES:

"KISSINGER REASSURES FEISAL: THERE IS NO QUESTION OF OCCUPYING OIL FIELDS. CAIRO: NO RECOURSE TO FORCE DURING DISENGAGEMENT PERIOD." LEADING PRO-EGYPTIAN "AL-ANWAR" BANNERS ACROSS EIGHT COLUMNS: "EGYPTIAN DECLARATION CONDITIONS FOR END TO WAR." LEADING LEFTIST PRO-PLO "AL-MUHARRIR"

BANNERS: "EGYPT ANNOUNCES IT WILL NOT USE FORCE AGAINST ISRAEL." PRO-SAUDI: "AL-HAYAT" HEADLINES: "EGYPT PLEDGED IMPLICITLY NOT TO USE FORCE. FEISAL GAVE KISSINGER POSITIVE REPLY. AMERICAN SECRETARY OFFICIALLY DENIES THREATS TO INVASE OIL FIELDS." PRO-SYRIAN "ASH-SHARQ" BANNERS: "EGYPT: WE WILL NOT RESORT TO USE OF FORCE AS LONG AS DISENGAGEMENT PROVISIONS ARE RESPECTED BY ALL PARTIES."

3. PRO-LIBYAN "AS-SAFIR", SEIZING ON NEWS OF ARTICLE ON POSSIBLE INVASION OF OIL FIELDS IN MARCH ISSUE OF HARPER'S, SENSATIONALLY BANNERS KING FEISAL'S ALLEGED VIEW THAT "KISSINGER IS BASTARD". PAPER REPORTS THAT ARTICLE IS BY AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR WHO ADVISES PENTAGON AND IS MARRIED TO ISRAELI AND THAT IT CONTAINS PLAN TO INVADE ARAB OIL FIELDS. PAPER GOES ON TO SAY THAT SAUDI CABINET HAS STUDIED ARTICLE AND PUT PRESSURE ON U.S, THROUGH AMBASSADOR AKINS, TO CLARIFY AMERICAN ATTITUDE REGARDING SUCH THREATS. PAPER THEN QUOTES "INFORMED SOURCES" AS SAYING THAT KING FEISAL HOLDS SECRETARY PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE THREATS AND CALLS HIM A "BASTARD" IN HIS PRIVATE MEETINGS.

4. EDITORIAL EXCERPTS FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL.

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